



## Frequently Asked Questions about Medicaid and School Health Services



**1. Who or what is the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)?**

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is the state agency that administers Virginia's Medicaid and FAMIS programs.

**2. What is the connection between DMAS and schools?**

DMAS pays schools to cover the cost of the school health services they provide to students if the students are in FAMIS or Medicaid.

**3. What kind of services are covered by school health services?**

Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, audiology, nursing, psychological services, personal care services, and in some circumstances, transportation, are services that are covered.

**4. Why am I being asked for permission to share information about my child?**

DMAS cannot reimburse schools for the cost of services unless they know what services were provided and to whom. This means that the school district must share that information with DMAS before they can claim back the costs.

**5. What happens to that information if I give my consent to share?**

DMAS will only use that information to determine how many services were provided to your child and how much to repay the school division for those health services. Your child's health information is protected by law and will not be shared with anyone else.

**6. Will I or my family be charged for these services?**

You will not be billed for school health services, regardless of whether or not you consent to share this information.

**7. Will this impact my child's eligibility for healthcare received outside of the school system?**

No. DMAS processes school health services claims separately from other types of medical claims.

**8. Why should I give my consent?**

By allowing the school to provide DMAS with information about the services that your child receives, the school can request and receive funds that will help cover the costs of those services.

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